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Observer status for the Community of Democracies in the General Assembly

Report of the Sixth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The item entitled "Observer status for the Community of Democracies in the General Assembly" was included in the provisional agenda of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly pursuant to Assembly decision 70/525.

2. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 16 September 2016, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.

3. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 12th meeting, on 11 October 2016. The views of the representatives who spoke during the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary record (A/C.6/71/SR.12).

4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it a letter dated 10 July 2015 from the Permanent Representative of El Salvador to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/70/142).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.6/71/L.3

5. At its 12th meeting, on 11 October, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Observer status for the Community of Democracies in the General Assembly" (A/C.6/71/L.3).

6. At the same meeting, the Chair of the Committee announced that the Bureau had been informed by the delegation of the United States of America, on behalf of the sponsors, that the sponsors were requesting the Committee to defer a decision on the request for observer status for the Community of Democracies in the General Assembly until the seventy-second session of the Assembly.

7. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted a draft decision without a vote (see para. 8).

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III. Recommendation of the Sixth Committee

8. The Sixth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Observer status for the Community of Democracies in the General Assembly

The General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Sixth Committee, decides to defer a decision on the request for observer status for the Community of Democracies in the Assembly[1] until the seventy-second session of the Assembly.

[1] See A/70/142.